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SUBJECT: DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED IN GOB APPROVAL OF NEW
PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

1. PEACE CORPS BROUGHT TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION DELAY IN
APPROVAL BY GOB OF NEW PC VOLUNTEERS. GROUP OF 28 PCV'S
SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE TRAINING ON AUGUST 12, HAS BEEN
POSTPONED UNTIL AUGUST 27 DUE TO DELAY IN FINAL CLEARANCE
BY FOREIGN MINISTRY. CONTINUING DELAY MAY NECESSITATE
SECOND POSTPONEMENT TO SEPTEMBER 13. DEPARTMENT AND PEACE
CORPS AWARE OF EMBASSY AND PEACE CORPS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE
PROBLEMS WITH ITAMARTY.

2. OF APPROXIMATELY 28 PCV'S WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO START
TRAINING, 5 HAVE ALREADY DROPPED OUT FOR REASONS RELATED TO
DELAY. FURTHER ATTRITION MIGHT RESULT FROM FURTHER DELAY
AND BE DAMAGING TO THE PROJECTS WHICH REQUESTED THE
VOLUNTEERS.

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3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF WHEN
APPROVAL MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING AND WHETHER DELAY IS SIMPLY
BUREAUCRATIC OR DUE TO OTHER -- PERHAPS POLITICAL --
CONSIDERATIONS. VANCE

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